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SUBJECT: THE HAIRITAN BRIDGE

1. THE JOINT AFGHAN-SOVIET PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A BRIDGE ACROSS THE AMU DARYA RIVER, WHICH FORMS MUCH OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT NEW ASSISTANCE PROJECTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. THE BRIDGE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT HAIRITAN, A FEW MILES EAST OF THE SOVIET RIVER PORT CITY OF TERMEZ.

2. ON JUNE 1, 1978, THE SOVIET UNION AND AFGHANISTAN SIGNED AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE SOVIET UNION WILL PREPARE BLUEPRINTS FOR THE BRIDGE AT A COST OF 795,500 RUBLES. THE HAIRITAN BRIDGE, ACCORDING TO LATER ARTICLES IN THE KABUL TIMES, WILL REQUIRE SOME FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE AND 33 MILLION RUBLES, OF WHICH ONE-HALF THE COST WILL BE PAID BY THE SOVIET UNION AND ONE-HALF BY AFGHANISTAN. CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN LATE 1978, AFTER THE BLUEPRINTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

3. COMMENT: THE HAIRITAN BRIDGE WILL OPEN UP A DIRECT ROAD LINK WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THUS GREATLY FACILITATE TRANSPORTA-
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TION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE TERMS FOR BUILDING THE BRIDGE, WITH AFGHANISTAN EXPECTED TO PAY ONE-HALF THE COST, ARE NOT OVERLY GENEROUS.
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